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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE NONALIGNED RESOLUTIONS ON MIDDLE EAST WERE ADOPTED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY DECEMBER 9 FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI-PROPOSED TEXT. "SYRIAN" RES WAS APPROVED 91-11(US)-29 AND "EGYPTIAN" RES 122-2(US)-8. US WAS AMONG 22 WHO MADE EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE. END SUMMARY.

2. GA PLENARY CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 29, SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, DECEMBER 9 WITH ADOPTION BY ROLL CALL OF TWO RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY NONALIGNED BUT GENERALLY IDENTIFIED AS SYRIAN (A/31/L.26) AND EGYPTIAN (A/31/L.27) RESOLUTIONS. VOTE ON L.26 WAS 91-11-29. NEGATIVE VOTES WERE CANADA, COSTA RICA, DENMARK, FRG, ICELAND, ISRAEL, NETHERLANDS, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, UK AND US. ABSTENTIONS WERE AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS,
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BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA,

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, FIJI, FINLAND, FRANCE, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAWI, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PARAGUAY, SURINAM, SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA. L.27 WAS ADOPTED BY 122-2(US, IRAEL)-8 (BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, MALAWI, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, SWAZILAND). ALBANIA, CHINA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, IRAQ AND LIBYA DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE ON EITHER RES AND FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: ANGOLA, CAPE VERDE, DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, GABON, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, LIBERIA (FIRST VOTE ONLY; VOTED YES ON L.27), SEYCHELLES, SOUTH AFRICA.

3. LAST YEAR'S VOTE ON RES 3414 (XXX), WHICH WAS TEXT COMPARABLE TO L.26, WAS 84-17-27. CHANGE IN NEGATIVE VOTE FROM 1975 RESULTED FROM SHIFTS TO ABSTENTION BY BARBADOS, BELGIUM, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND LUXEMBOURG AND ABSENCES OF HAITI AND LIBERIA WHO VOTED NO LAST YEAR.

4. BEFORE VOTE, EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE WERE MADE BY ISRAEL, WHO WITHDREW ITS DRAFT RES (L.24) AT SAME TIME, MALI, ECUADOR, CANADA, ALBANIA, IRAQ, US, SYRIA, NETHERLANDS (FOR EC-9), IVORY COAST, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, ARGENTINA AND PERU. FURTHER EXPLANATIONS AFTER THE VOTE WERE MADE BY CHINA, MEXICO, NEPAL, EGYPT, BURMA, LIBYA, NEW ZEALAND, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND SYRIA. (PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE QUESTIONED PROPRIETY OF SECOND EXPLANATION BY SYRIA BUT SAID HE WOULD PERMIT IT NONETHELESS.) RIGHT OF REPLY WAS EXERCISED BY SRI LANKA AND SAUDI ARABIA. FORMER STRONGLY CONDEMNED ISRAELI AMB. HERZOG FOR ACCUSING SPONSORS OF AMENDMENTS TO ISRAELI RES OF SUBMITTING THEM "ON INSTRUCTIONS OF ARAB STATES." SAUDI ARABIA (BAROODY), IN STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE NOTED WAS NOT REALLY IN NATURE OF RIGHT OF REPLY, SAID ISRAEL SHOULD NOT HAVE SUBMITTED RES IF IT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE REJECTED AND UNCLASSIFIED

WARNED GOVERNOR SCRANTON THAT IT WOULD NOT ALWAYS BE POSSIBLE FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BEAR BURDEN OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF AID TO ISRAEL. IT WAS TIME FOR US AND ISRAEL TO WAKE UP, HE DECLARED.

5. AT OUTSET OF MEETING, AMB. HERZOG TOOK FLOOR TO WITHDRAW L.24, WHICH HE SAID ISRAEL HAD SUBMITTED TO MAKE ITS POSITION CLEAR AND ADOPTION OF

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WHICH COULD HAVE MADE POSSIBLE GENEVA CONFERENCE TOMORROW. ISRAEL HAD FEARED "AUTOMATIC MAJORITY" WOULD RENDER EFFORT INEFFECTIVE, AND FEARS HAD BEEN REALIZED WITH SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS IN L.25, WHICH HE FOUND INTERNALLY CONTRADICTORY AND EFFORT TO CHANGE GROUND RULES FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE. L.27 HAD CERTAIN AMBIGUITIES WHICH HAD INITIALLY SUGGESTED SOFTENING IN ARAB POSITION, BUT EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN STATEMENTS HAD MADE CLEAR TWO RESOLUTIONS (L.26 AND L.27) WERE TO BE TAKEN AS ONE, HERZOG SAID. ISRAEL WOULD THEREFORE VOTE AGAINST BOTH.

6. MALI SUPPORTED BOTH RESOLUTIONS AS REFLECTING VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, WHILE ECUADOR SAID IT WOULD SUPPORT BOTH DESPITE RESERVATIONS ON L.26, INCLUDING OP PARA 5 ON MILITARY AID, WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO BOTH SIDES. CANADA SAID IT WOULD VOTE FOR L.27 BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS, BUT IT HAD DOUBTS WHETHER TIMETABLE WAS REALISTIC AND WOULD HAVE LIKED REFS TO SC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 INCLUDED. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE SUPPORTED L.24 WITHOUT AMENDMENTS, ALTHOUGH IT THOUGHT PARTICIPANTS IN GENEVA CONFERENCE MUST WORK OUT MEANS FOR PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION THERE.

7. ALBANIA AND IRAQ EXPLAINED THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 OR GENEVA CONFERENCE UNDER CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF TWO SUPER POWERS. SIMILAR EXPLANATIONS WERE MADE LATER BY DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, CHINA AND LIBYA.

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8. GOVERNOR SCRANTON GAVE EXPLANATION OF US VOTE PER TEXT SENT SEPTEL. REAFFIRMING FIRM SUPPORT FOR SC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, NETHERLANDS (KAUFMANN) SAID EC-9 WOULD SUPPORT L.27 BECAUSE THEY SHARED BASIC PURPOSE OF RES - TO FACILITATE EARLY RESUMPTION OF ME PEACE CONFERENCE. NEVER-THELESS, THEY BELIEVED PRECISE DATE WAS MATTER TO BE WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ALL PARTIES CONCERNED AND THEY HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT GA TENDENCY TO TAKE ACTION THAT INFRINGED ON PREROGATIVES OF SC. THEY FOUND ENCOURAGING THE MODERATE WAY IN WHICH COSPONSORS HAD APPROACHED GENERAL QUESTION. THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT L.26 BECAUSE OF ITS IMBALANCE AND ATTEMPT TO PREEMPT OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS.

9. SYRIA (ALLAF) SUPPORTED BOTH RESOLUTIONS IN USUAL TERMS, AND IVORY COAST SAID IT WOULD VOTE FOR BOTH DESPITE RESERVATIONS ON L.26. ARGENTINA, COSPONSOR OF L.27, SAID IT WOULD ALSO SUPPORT
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L.26 DESPITE RESERVATIONS SINCE IT WAS ADVANCE FROM LAST YEAR AND GENERAL SPIRIT ACCORDED WITH ARGENTINE POSITION. PERU EXPLAINED VOTE FOR L.26 ON UNDERSTANDING SC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND GA RESOLUTION 3375 WOULD BE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE IMPLIED RESPECT FOR THESE RESOLUTIONS. MEXICO SAID IT WOULD ABSTAIN ON L.26 BECAUSE OF IMBALANCE BUT SUPPORTED PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE. NEPAL SUPPORTED BOTH RESOLUTIONS AND THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE NO AID TO ISRAEL WHILE IT OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF OTHERS.

10. EGYPT (MEGUID) SAID TWO RESOLUTIONS CON-STITUTED BASIS FOR ACHIEVING JUST AND LASTING PEACE AND AFFIRMED IT WAS ANXIOUS FOR PEACE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD IT WITHOUT

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GIVING UP EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.
HE ASSERTED GA HAD GIVEN ISRAEL CHANCE TO SHOW ITS
PEACE TALK WAS NOT JUST TALK, BUT ISRAEL REMAINED
INTRANSIGENT. BURMA HAD VOTED FOR BOTH RESOLUTIONS
BUT RECORDED RESERVATIONS ON OPERATIVE PARAS 2,
4 AND 5 OF L.26. NEW ZEALAND HAD VOTED FOR L.27 IN
BELIEF PROSPECTS BETTER TODAY FOR GOOD FAITH
NEGOTIATIONS. IT ABSTAINED ON L.26 DUE TO ITS
IMBALANCE. HE APPEALED FOR END TO POLEMICS AND
TURN TO HARD NEGOTIATIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF PROBLEM.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EXPRESSED HOPE TODAY WOULD
MARK DAY OF LAST UN RESOLUTIONS ON ME AND THAT
ALL PARTIES WOULD COOPERATE IN PEACE EFFORT. IN
SECOND INTERVENTION SYRIA (SIBAHI) THANKED THOSE
WHO SUPPORTED RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARED SYRIAN
READINESS TO COOPERATE WITH SYG IN EFFORTS FOR
ME PEACE.
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